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**Emergency Policy on Pre-Master's Degree Experience**

At its meeting on April 16, 2021, the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions voted to extend the following policy:

**Licensed Mental Health Counselor Applicants:** Because of the current declared state of emergency in Massachusetts, a licensed mental health counselor applicant who graduates from an acceptable master's degree program from March 10, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and has not finished the required pre-master's degree internship described in 262 CMR 2.00, et seq., may complete that internship using additional hours earned during an acceptable practicum or post-graduate work experience.

**Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Applicants:** Because of the current declared state of emergency in Massachusetts, a licensed marriage and family therapist applicant who graduates from an acceptable master's degree program from March 10, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and has not finished the required pre-master's degree "clinical internship or practicum" described in 262 CMR 3.00, et seq., may complete that "clinical internship or practicum" using additional hours earned during an acceptable post-graduate work experience.

This policy does not modify the required amounts of specific types of hours for a practicum, internship, or post-master's degree work experience, and no hours may be counted for more than one such experience.

